

**City of Santa Barbara
Youth Council Meeting
July 15, 2015
MINUTES**

Meeting called to order at approximately 4:35 p.m. by Chairperson Scott Voulgaris.
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Youth Council Member Ari Chittick.

ROLL CALL

Members	Present	Absent
Acuna, Kevin	Yes	
Chittick, Ari	Yes	
Cortez, Karim		Yes
Cosio, Camille	Yes	
Diaz, Cindy	Yes	
Getachew, Nathaniel	Yes	
Mikles, Ali	Yes	
Noorsher, Zainab	Yes	
Rea, Manny		Excused
Steady, Jensen	Yes	
Thrift, Charles	Yes	
Trisler, Daniella	Yes	
Trosky, Ty		Yes
Voulgaris, Scott	Yes	
Vacant Position		
Junior High School Representatives:		

STAFF PRESENT: Susan Young

LIAISONS:

GUESTS: Eleni Getachew, Former Youth Council Member

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Chairperson Voulgaris, took item A from New Business (Welcoming new members) first on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eleni Getachew, former Secretary of the Youth Council, spoke briefly to the group. Ms. Getachew spoke of her positive experience on the Youth Council and encouraged the members to do all they can to be involved and active on the Council as it has helped her tremendously in her college life. She wished them all well.

STAFF REPORT

Staff welcomed the new members as well and gave a brief overview of how the agenda will work and what part staff plays in the function of the Youth Council. Staff stated more will be briefed at orientation but reminded all the members of the community service hours and parking at the facility.

COMMITTEE / SPECIAL REPORTS

Youth Council members discussed and began process for subcommittee assignments. The following assignments were made:

Special Events: Ari Chittick, Camille Cosio, Ali Mikles, Cindy Diaz, Charles Thrift and Jensen Steady

Policies and Procedures: Daniella Trisler (Chair), Nathaniel Getachew, Scott Voulgaris, Ty Trosky, Karim Cortez

Fundraising: Ty Trosky (Chair), Daniella Trisler, Charles Thrift, Jensen Steady, Nathaniel Getachew, Cindy Diaz

Sunshine Committee: Zainab Noorsher, Nathaniel Getachew, Ty Trosky

Twelve35 Teen Center: Scott Voulgaris, Zainab Noorsher, Cindy Diaz

Marketing and Publicity: Daniella Trisler, Ali Mikles, Manny Rea, Karim Cortez, Jensen Steady

Mentoring and Health: Zainab Noorsher, Ari Chittick, Camille Cosio, Cindy Diaz, Manny Rea

Jr. High Subcommittee: (Mentors: Nathaniel Getachew, Kevin Acuna)

Executive Committee: Elected Officers

Ad Hoc Committees: Anti-Bullying: Kevin Acuna, Camille Cosio, Charles Thrift, Ari Chittick

Parks and Recreation Commission:

Youth Council members will vote for any additional ad hoc committees. After election of Secretary and Publicist, chair will be determined for Publicity and Marketing. All the other chairs will be decided by the group.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Peace Builders: Staff explained what the collaboration consisted of with AHA and the Peace Builders Conference. Youth Council members formerly voted to support this and collaborate with AHA. Staff stated that if members wanted to participate they needed to email. Event is scheduled for August 11 – 13, 2015.
- b. Nominations: This item was tabled to next regular meeting.
- c. Youth Leadership Training: Staff explained what the training would consist of and what is required of members. ***It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Cosio and Getachew, respectively, to schedule the Youth Leadership Training on Friday and Saturday, August 28-29th. Approximate time would be 4 – 8 (Friday) and 9 – 2 (Saturday). Motion carried unanimously.***

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Welcome of New Members: The Chair and Vice Chair welcomed the new members. Introductions were made all around and the new members expressed what they were hoping to gain and what projects were close to their hearts. Member Steady mentioned that he had a passion for bicycle riding and hoped that the Youth Council could be involved in some of the bike safety issues in the community; Member Ali Mikles stated

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that she had no specific expectation and that she was very open minded and wanted to be a positive role model. Member Thrift mentioned that he hoped to work with committees on bullying issues and other special events; former junior high school representative now current Vice Chair Getachew stated that he hoped this year to help the Council raise funds and he still wanted to pursue the idea of a soccer tournament. Daniella Trisler stated that she was happy to be able to vote this year and wanted to be more involved. New members Diaz and Acuna, stated, respectively, they wanted to be a voice and advocates. Chair Voulgaris stated all the ideas were good and doable.

- b. August Meeting Date: It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Noorsher and Chittick, to hold the August Youth Council meeting on Monday, August 17th. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Camille Cosio announced that July 16th would be Ari's birthday. Daniella Trisler announced she got into AAPLE and was very happy. Zainab Noorsher reminded staff she was vegetarian.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:40 p.m. Parent/member orientation would take place after the meeting.

Susan C. Young
Recording Secretary